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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7316

BILL NUMBER: HB 1566

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 6, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Agritourism Liability.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Morrison

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Participant Acts:* The bill provides that an agritourism provider is not liable for: (1) an injury caused by a participant to another participant or a nonparticipant; or (2) the unlawful actions of a participant.

Posting: The bill also provides that an agritourism provider who provides an agritourism activity that is limited to natural resource-based activities and attractions is not required to post or maintain a warning notice sign if certain requirements are met.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would provide additional immunity from liability to a state or local unit providing agritourism when a participant injures another person or commits an unlawful act. Also, the bill removes a requirement to post warning notices in certain cases. These provisions could result in the potential for fewer expenses to a unit providing agritourism.

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill provides additional immunities for agritourism providers (both governmental units and individuals). If as a result fewer civil actions are filed, revenue to the state General Fund could be reduced.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures* above.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Local units could receive less revenue if fewer civil actions are filed.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: State and local units providing agritourism, trial courts, city and town courts.

Information Sources:

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